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VIA ECFS

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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554
Attn: Wireline Competition Bureau

**Re: WC Docket No. 10-90
Rural Broadband Experiment Expression of Interest – Rate-of-Return Areas
Otelco Mid-Missouri LLC**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Otelco Mid-Missouri LLC (“Mid-Missouri”) hereby expresses interest in participating in the Commission’s rural broadband experiments to provide robust, scalable high-speed broadband to unserved high-cost areas with additional Connect America funding.¹ Mid-Missouri is a rate-of-return incumbent local exchange carrier serving rural areas of Missouri, and proposes deployment as follows.

Proposed Service Area

Mid-Missouri proposes to build a 150 of the total unserved premises in Cooper, Pettis, Morgan, Moniteau, and Saline Counties, MO which Mid-Missouri could develop costs in the short response time as part of the IP broadband experiment.

Proposed Broadband Service

Voice and Broadband services with broadband transmission speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream/1Mbps upstream and up to speeds of 30 Mbps downstream provided over fiber to the node technology.

Funding

Mid-Missouri estimates construction costs for those areas on Schedule A, to be a total of \$525,210. Mid-Missouri requests \$525,210 in funding from Connect America Funds in a one-time funding, and will fund the ongoing expenses to operate the system within the funded area. Once the rules for the formal IP Broadband

¹ See *Technology Transitions et al.*, GN Docket No. 13-5 et al., Order, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Report and Order, Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Proposal for Ongoing Data Initiative, FCC 14-5 (rel. Jan. 31, 2014).

Experiment applications has been release, Mid-Missouri may expand its request to other unserved regulated ROR areas or contract its request to meet the funding criteria.

Mid-Missouri appreciates the opportunity to provide this non-binding expression of interest. Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis Andrews". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

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